

## General

### Title

Assessment of risk and prevention of malnutrition: percentage of intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition whose calorific-protein requirement is calculated on a regular basis.

### Source(s)

Ministry of Health. Safe practices indicators project: background, summary of methods and measurement strategies. Madrid: Ministry of Health; 2009 Feb 20. 97 p.

## Measure Domain

### Primary Measure Domain

#### Process

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

### Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

## Brief Abstract

### Description

This measure is used to determine the percentage of intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition whose calorific-protein requirement is calculated on a regular basis. The calculation should be made every four days, using standardized methods such as:

- Harris Benedict Equation or similar formula
- Open circuit indirect calorimetry

### Rationale

Malnourished patients experience increased morbidity and mortality and prolonged hospital stays.

Malnutrition in hospitalized patients is frequently not recognized. Providing nutritional support to patients who are either malnourished or at risk of malnutrition can result in improved clinical outcomes and fewer adverse events. Intensive care unit (ICU) patients are particularly at risk, and artificial nutrition should be prescribed according to their needs.

Main aim of indicator: to increase the percentage of ICU patients whose calorific-protein requirement is controlled on a regular basis.

## Primary Clinical Component

Artificial nutrition; calorific-protein requirement calculation; intensive care unit (ICU)

## Denominator Description

Intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition

## Numerator Description

Number whose calorific-protein requirement is calculated on a regular basis (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

## Evidence Supporting the Measure

### Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

A systematic review of the clinical literature

One or more research studies published in a National Library of Medicine (NLM) indexed, peer-reviewed journal

## Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

### Need for the Measure

Overall poor quality for the performance measured

Variation in quality for the performance measured

### Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

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# State of Use of the Measure

## State of Use

Current routine use

## Current Use

Internal quality improvement

# Application of Measure in its Current Use

## Care Setting

Hospitals

## Professionals Responsible for Health Care

Advanced Practice Nurses

Nurses

Physicians

## Lowest Level of Health Care Delivery Addressed

Single Health Care Delivery Organizations

## Target Population Age

Unspecified

## Target Population Gender

Either male or female

## Stratification by Vulnerable Populations

Unspecified

# Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

## Incidence/Prevalence

Unspecified

## Association with Vulnerable Populations

Unspecified

## Burden of Illness

See the "Rationale" field.

## Utilization

Unspecified

## Costs

Unspecified

# Institute of Medicine (IOM) Healthcare Quality Report Categories

## IOM Care Need

Getting Better

Living with Illness

## IOM Domain

Effectiveness

Safety

# Data Collection for the Measure

## Case Finding

Users of care only

## Description of Case Finding

Intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition

## Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

## Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

#### Inclusions

Intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition

#### Exclusions

None

## Relationship of Denominator to Numerator

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

## Denominator (Index) Event

Institutionalization

Therapeutic Intervention

## Denominator Time Window

Time window brackets index event

## Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

#### Inclusions

Number whose calorific-protein requirement is calculated\* on a regular basis

\*The calculation should be made every four days, using standardized methods such as:

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Open circuit indirect calorimetry

#### Exclusions

None

## Measure Results Under Control of Health Care Professionals, Organizations and/or Policymakers

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

## Numerator Time Window

Institutionalization

## Data Source

Administrative data

Medical record

## Level of Determination of Quality

Individual Case

## Pre-existing Instrument Used

None

## Computation of the Measure

### Scoring

Rate

### Interpretation of Score

Better quality is associated with a higher score

### Allowance for Patient Factors

Unspecified

### Standard of Comparison

Internal time comparison

## Evaluation of Measure Properties

### Extent of Measure Testing

After pilot testing, the set of indicators has been measured in a random sample of 25 Spanish hospitals, stratified by hospital size. The main objective has been to field test the feasibility of measurement in the various settings representing real life situations in the context of the Spanish Health Care System.

Both the whole indicators validation report and the results of the baseline measurement in a sample of the Spanish National Health Service (NHS) hospitals may be accessed and downloaded from the Spanish Ministry of Health web page (in Spanish):

[Validation report](#)

[Results of baseline measurement in Spanish NHS hospitals](#)

### Evidence for Reliability/Validity Testing

Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo. Construcción y validación de indicadores de buenas prácticas sobre seguridad del paciente. Madrid: Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo; 2008. 178 p.

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# Identifying Information

## Original Title

Percentage of intensive care unit (ICU) patients receiving artificial nutrition whose calorific-protein requirement is calculated on a regular basis.

## Measure Collection Name

Safe Practices Indicators Project

## Measure Set Name

Adopting Safe Practices in Specific Clinical Care Settings or for Specific Processes of Care

## Measure Subset Name

Prevention of Malnutrition in Hospitalized Patients

## Submitter

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# Adaptation

Measure was not adapted from another source.

## Release Date

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## Measure Status

This is the current release of the measure.

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## Measure Availability

The individual measure, "Percentage of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Patients Receiving Artificial Nutrition Whose Caloric-Protein Requirement is Calculated on a Regular Basis," is published in "Safe Practices Indicators Project: Background, Summary of Methods and Measurement Strategies."

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## Companion Documents

The following are available:

Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo. Construcción y validación de indicadores de buenas prácticas sobre seguridad del paciente. Madrid: Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo; 2008. 178 p. This document is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [Ministry of Health and Social Policy Web site](#)  (in Spanish).

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